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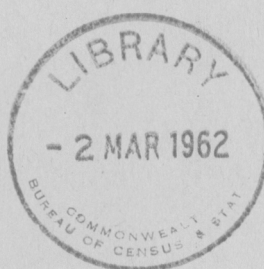
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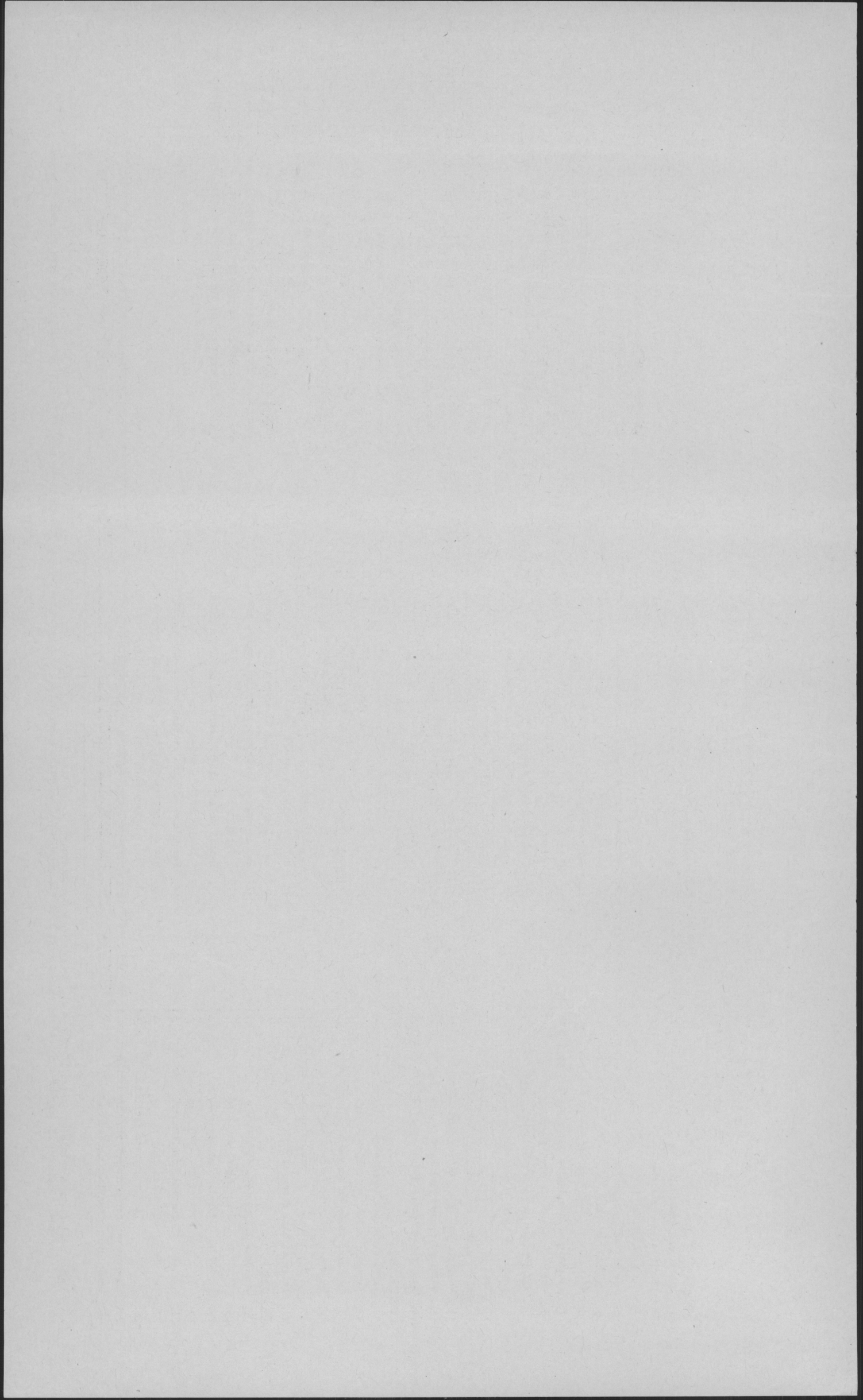
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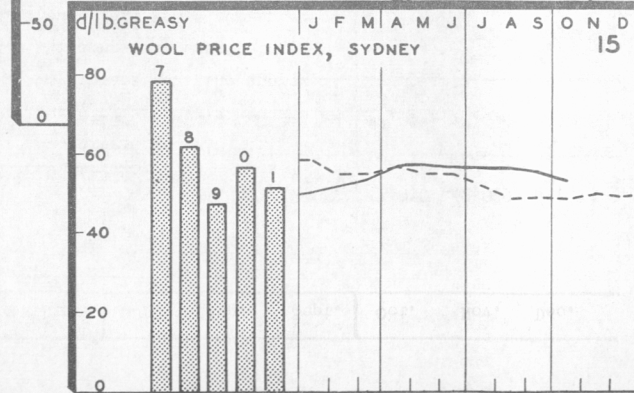
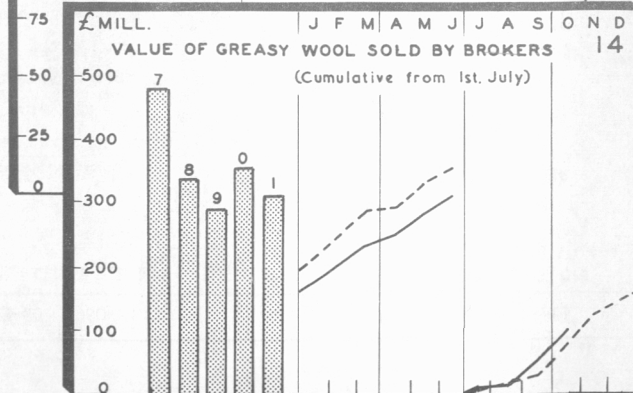
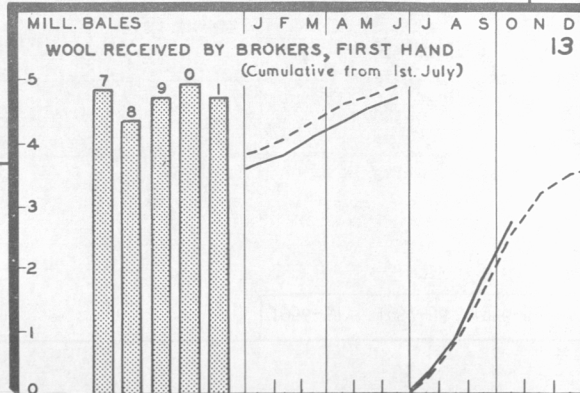
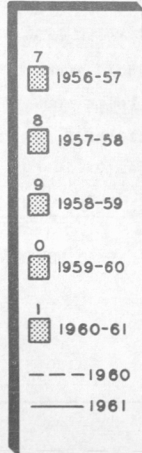
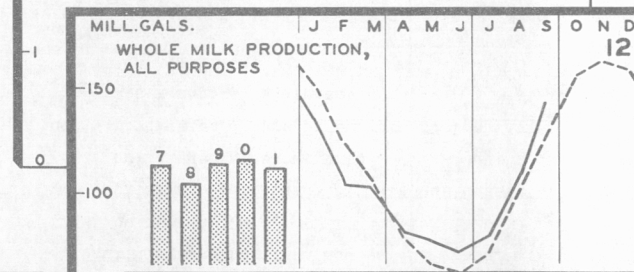
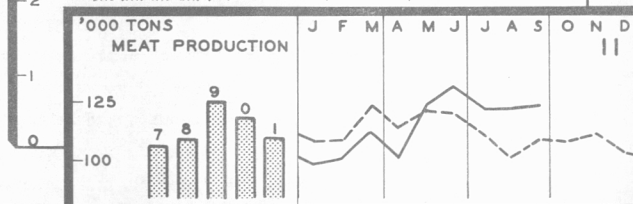
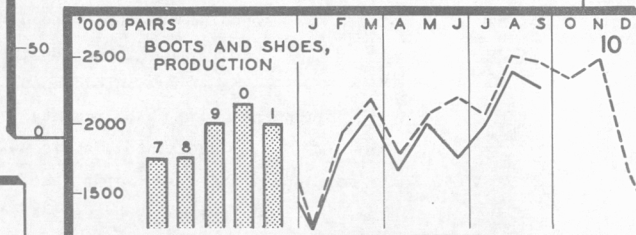
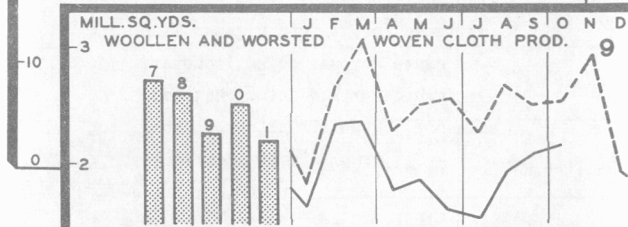
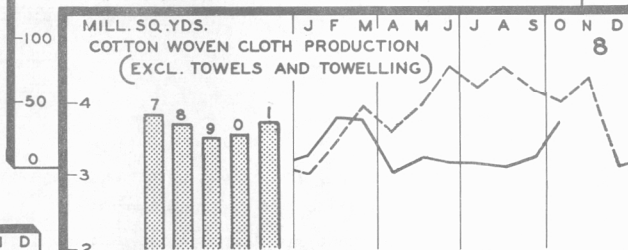
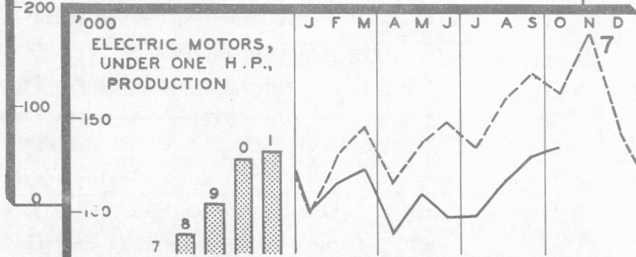
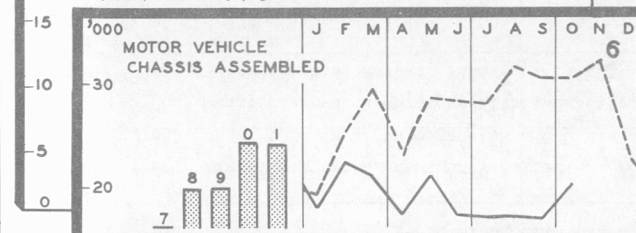
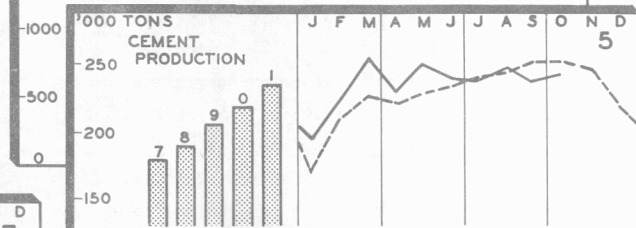
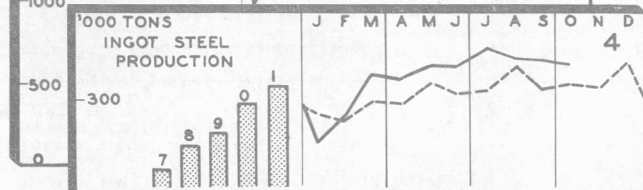
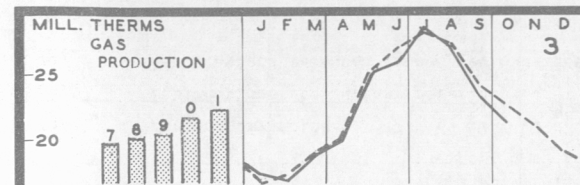
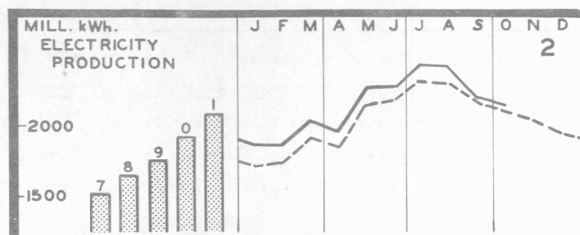
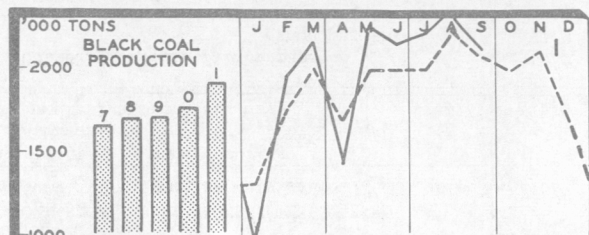
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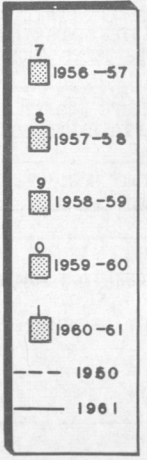
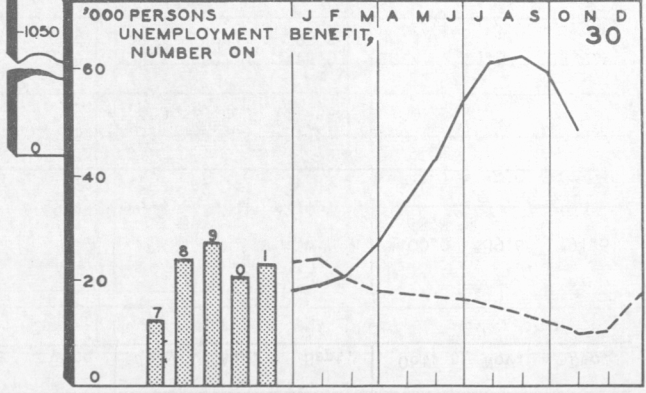
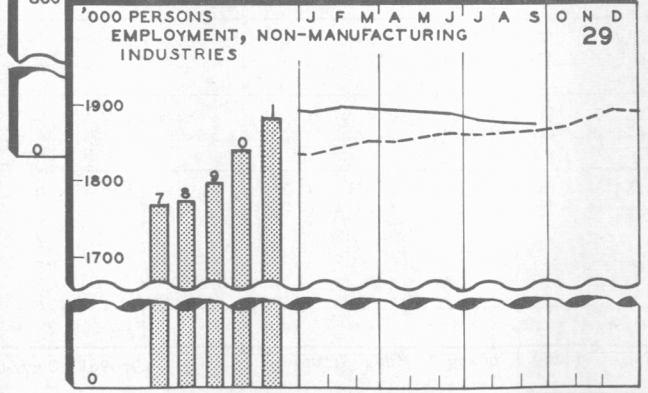
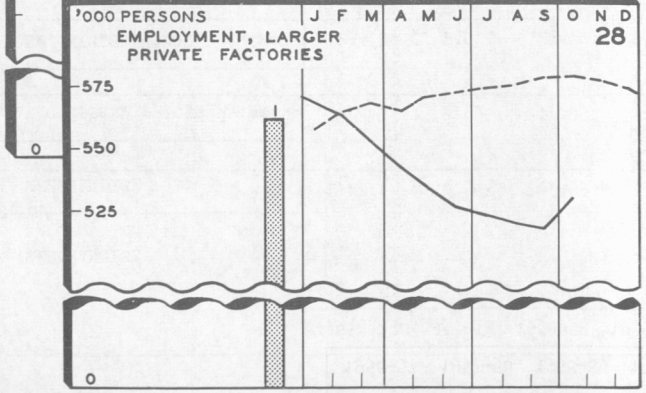
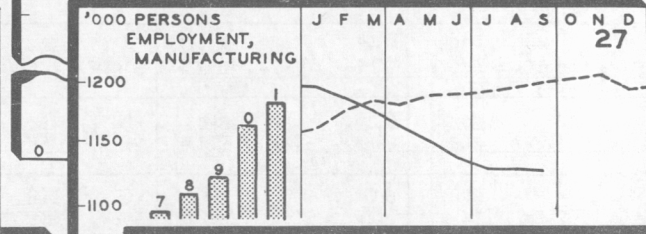
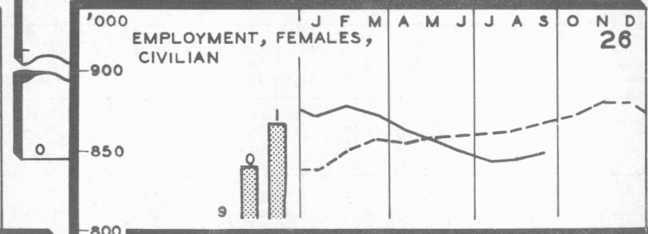
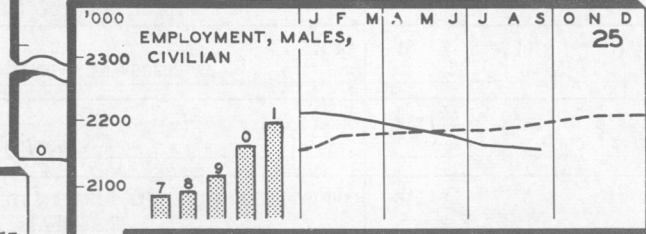
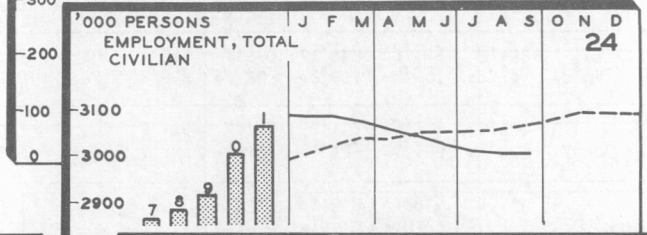
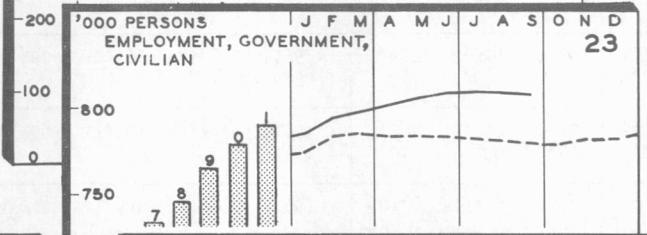
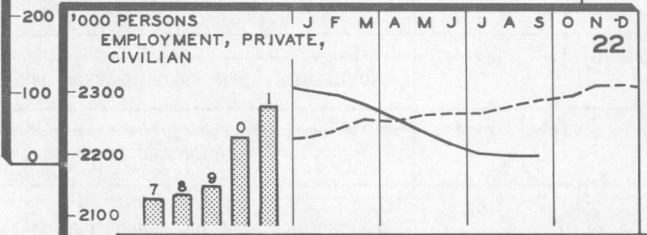
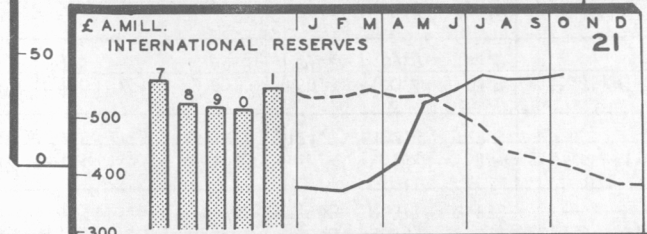
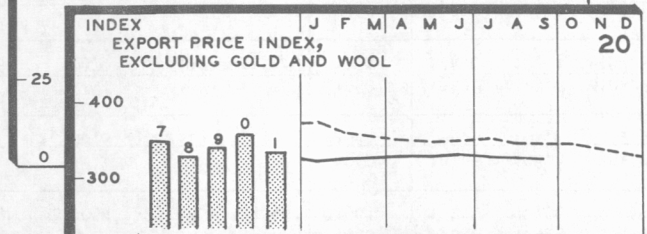
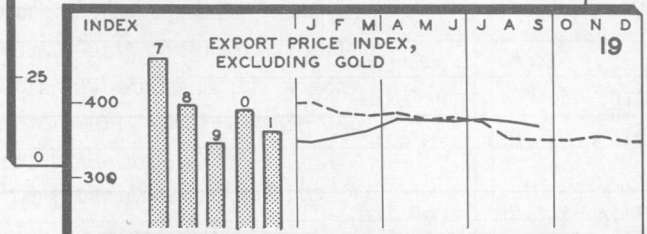
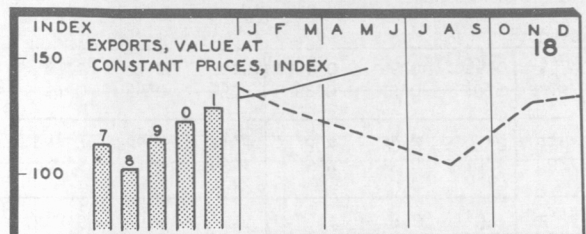
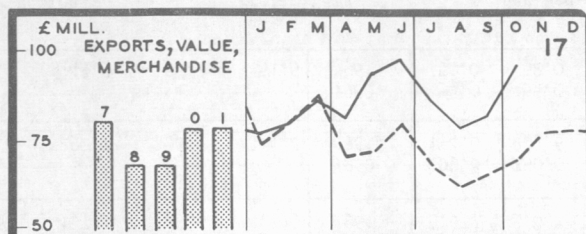
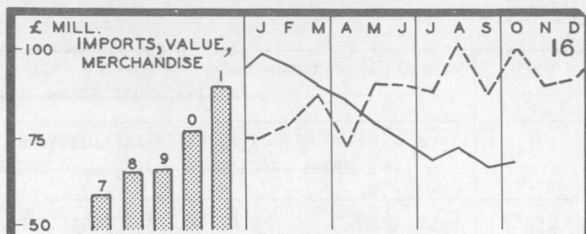


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PRODUCTION																							
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	19,711	20,362	20,459	21,223	22,979	*1960	1,300	1,722	1,980	1,673	1,958	1,971	1,974	2,211	2,057	1,970	2,079	1,674				
							*1961	1,001	1,953	2,184	1,437	2,291	2,148	2,219	2,361	2,114							
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh.	18,289	19,796	21,109	23,147	25,070	1960	1,721	1,752	1,914	1,857	2,159	2,195	*2,312	*2,303	*2,121	*2,081	*2,030	*1,946				
							*1961	1,873	1,859	2,048	1,951	2,277	2,279	2,420	2,408	2,156	2,130						
3. GAS PRODUCTION	mill. therms	236.8	240.4	244.7	256.4	*265.8	1960	16.5	17.3	19.1	20.0	25.2	26.8	*28.1	*27.4	*24.0	*22.4	*21.0	*19.2				
							*1961	17.1	16.8	19.1	19.8	24.9	25.9	28.4	27.1	23.5	21.1						
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,774	3,038	3,204	3,520	*3,737	1960	285	275	298	294	315	*305	*309	*332	*310	*315	*313	*336				
							*1961	257	282	325	321	332	331	352	338	339	336						
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,173	2,291	2,481	2,644	*2,860	1960	171	212	228	221	231	234	*243	*245	*253	*252	*247	*218				
							*1961	193	228	256	231	251	243	242	249	239	245						
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED	'000	193.9	239.6	241.0	293.2	*292.8	1960	16.6	25.3	29.5	23.4	28.7	28.2	*28.0	*31.0	*30.3	*30.3	*31.9	*23.0				
							*1961	18.2	22.4	21.3	17.4	21.5	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.3	20.4						
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION	'000	898	1,066	1,248	1,549	*1,636	1960	97.4	132.0	145.3	114.1	136.7	147.5	*138.3	*165.0	*181.7	*169.1	*202.4	*149.0				
							*1961	101.3	114.9	123.8	86.1	107.2	96.9	97.8	118.2	129.5	135.8						
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling)	'000 sq.yds.	46,277	44,340	42,265	43,061	*44,572	1960	3,012	3,460	3,897	3,605	3,935	4,465	*4,191	*4,443	*4,163	*4,008	*4,306	*3,118				
							*1961	3,296	3,793	3,739	3,069	3,270	3,176	3,196	3,102	3,274	3,700						
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION	'000 sq.yds.	32,782	31,719	27,266	30,190	*26,552	1960	1,844	2,681	3,084	2,278	2,502	2,562	*2,283	*2,674	*2,501	*2,525	*2,943	*1,984				
							*1961	1,637	2,346	2,388	1,776	1,884	1,611	1,560	1,982	2,105	2,162						
10. BOOTS AND SHOES, PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	20,938	21,395	24,054	25,626	*23,981	1960	1,222	1,935	2,172	1,778	2,079	2,204	*2,070	*2,493	*2,447	*2,339	*2,465	*1,673				
							*1961	1,219	1,790	2,069	1,653	1,981	1,782	1,983	2,377	2,273							
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	1,270.1	1,314.5	1,500.6	1,425.7	*1,313.6	1960	107.5	108.3	122.0	113.6	120.1	119.8	*110.5	*101.4	*108.1	*107.5	*110.7	*103.8				
							*1961	99.3	101.6	112.9	101.5	112.9	113.2	112.1	112.3	122.9							
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gals.	1,358	1,264	1,370	1,407	*1,340	1960	151.8	125.2	105.9	177.0	165.3	160.7	*69.3	*100.4	*128.7	*155.7	*163.0	*157.8				
							*1961	134.0	102.4	102.5	79.8	76.1	69.8	79.2	109.9	144.2							
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July	'000 bales	4,867	4,353	4,735	4,926	4,715	1960	3,912	4,074	4,341	4,571	4,760	4,926	247	849	1,655	2,547	3,245	3,529				
							1961	3,657	3,821	4,101	4,316	4,559	4,715	311	912	1,837	2,741						
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July	£ mill.	478.0	334.8	292.7	356.1	311.4	1960	209.8	250.0	291.0	296.6	331.0	356.1	5.7	18.0	30.1	82.5	123.5	147.8				
							1961	174.8	203.6	237.0	247.7	286.9	311.4	8.4	20.3	57.2	98.8						
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	pence per lb. greasy	77.9	62.1	47.5	56.3	51.5	1960	58.0	55.0	55.0	57.0	55.0	55.0	52.0	48.0	48.5	48.0	50.0	49.5				
							1961	50.0	52.0	53.0	57.0	57.0	56.0	(a) 56.0	56.0	55.0	*53.0						

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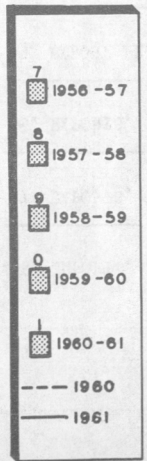
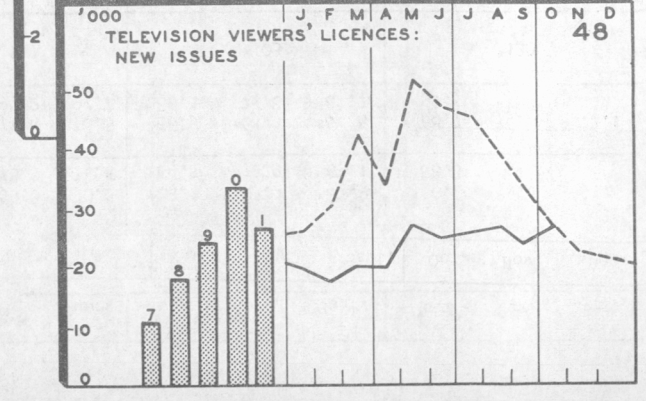
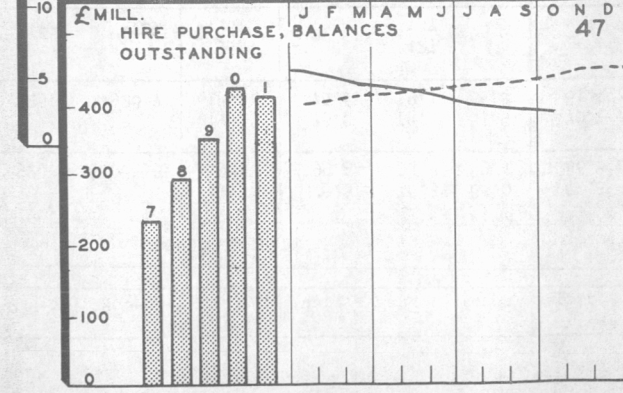
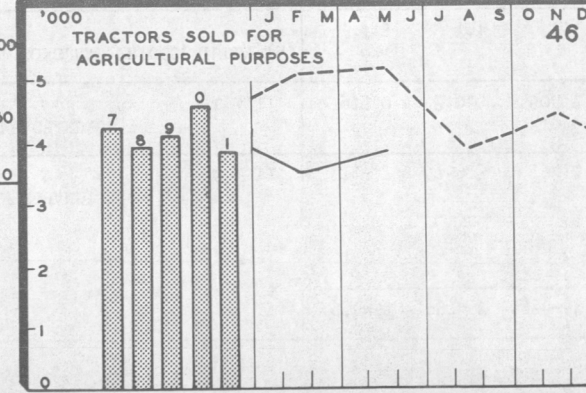
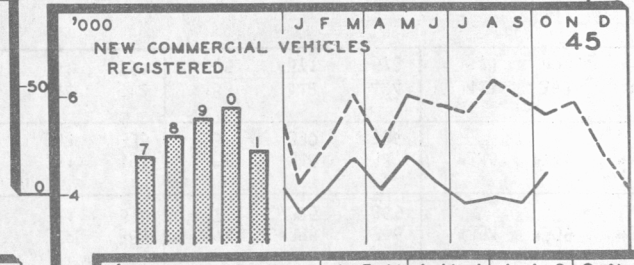
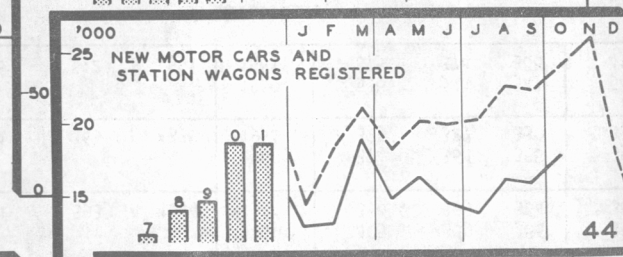
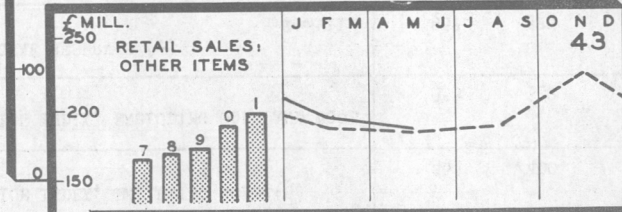
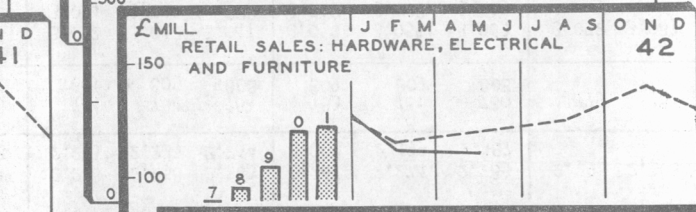
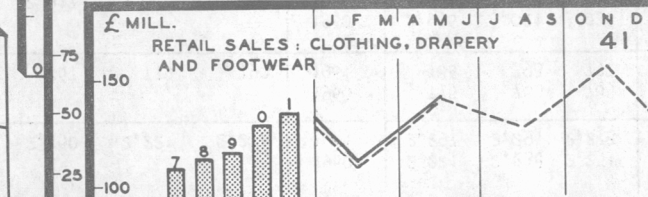
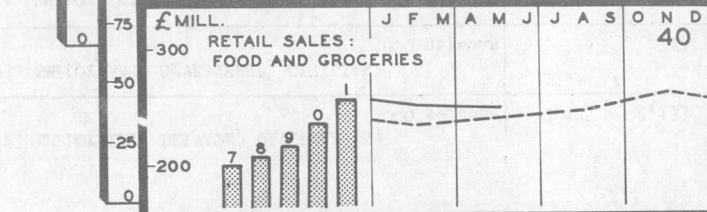
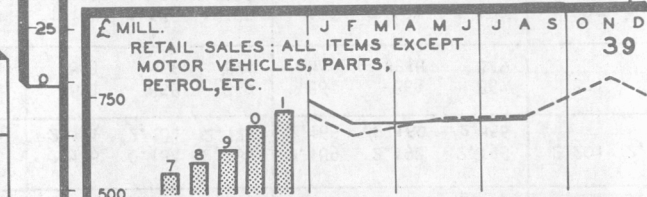
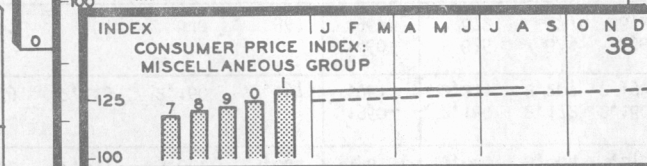
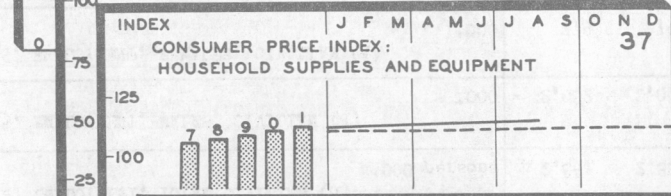
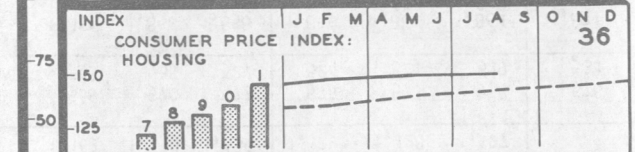
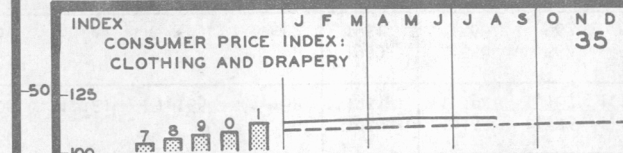
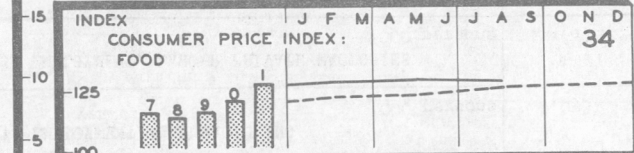
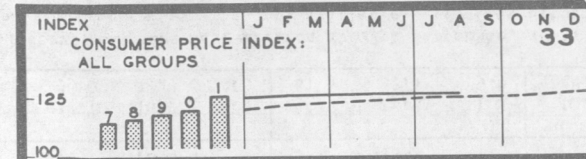
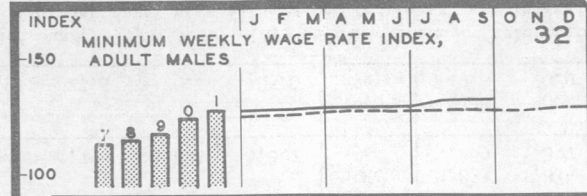
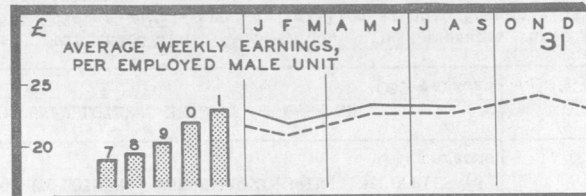
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OVERSEA TRADE																		
16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE £ mill.	716.7	789.3	794.4	923.8	*1,085.3	1960 *1961	75.3 99.8	78.3 94.8	88.0 89.4	72.6 86.8	90.8 78.9	90.6 74.6	*88.9 69.7	*103.1 72.9	*87.9 67.1	*100.0 68.8	*89.6	*91.6
17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE £ mill.	973.0	810.3	806.7	925.9	*928.7	1960 *1961	73.0 76.6	79.1 79.1	87.9 86.4	70.2 81.4	71.4 93.2	78.3 97.7	*66.5 86.1	*61.1 77.8	*64.5 81.7	* 68.7 96.5	* 76.8	* 77.1
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX (a)	113	101	115	122	*129	1960 *1961		127 137			117 145		*103				*130	
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD (b)	464	400	351	393	*364	1960 *1961	405 350	389 359	386 364	391 382	382 381	384 378	374 377	355 375	356 369	*354	*359	*354
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD AND WOOL (b)	353	332	341	363	*338	1960 *1961	374 325	364 327	358 330	353 335	351 333	354 335	356 333	348 330	347 326	*346	*341	*335
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (c) £ mill.	567	525	516	512	551	1960 1961	538 375	541 374	547 388	541 417	544 531	512 551	483 575	442 571	424 573	413 578	398	376
EMPLOYMENT																		
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,125	2,133	2,150	2,221	2,274	1960 1961	2,221 2,297	2,238 2,291	2,251 2,273	2,248 2,253	2,258 2,235	2,263 2,214	2,267 2,201	2,274 2,199	2,283 2,197	2,293	2,306	2,306
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN '000 persons	736	747	767	779	790	1960 1961	775 786	783 793	785 797	784 801	784 805	784 808	783 809	781 809	780 808	779	781	782
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,861	2,880	2,917	3,000	3,064	1960 1961	2,996 3,083	3,021 3,084	3,036 3,070	3,032 3,054	3,042 3,040	3,047 3,022	3,050 3,010	3,055 3,008	3,063 3,005	3,072	3,087	3,088
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	2,082	2,089	2,113	2,160	2,197	1960 1961	2,160 2,211	2,172 2,207	2,180 2,198	2,178 2,191	2,184 2,184	2,188 2,173	2,189 2,165	2,192 2,160	2,196 2,156	2,201	2,208	2,209
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	779	791	804	840	867	1960 1961	836 872	849 877	856 872	854 863	858 856	859 849	861 845	863 848	867 849	871	879	879
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING '000 persons	1,093	1,106	1,121	1,165	1,182	1960 1961	1,163 1,194	1,176 1,187	1,183 1,176	1,181 1,163	1,186 1,150	1,189 1,136	1,191 1,129	1,194 1,128	1,199 1,127	1,201	1,202	1,195
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES '000 persons	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	562	1960 1961	558 568	564 563	568 553	566 543	570 535	573 527	575 524	576 521	578 519	578 531	577	574
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (d) '000 persons	1,768	1,774	1,796	1,835	1,882	1960 1961	1,833 1,889	1,845 1,897	1,853 1,894	1,851 1,891	1,856 1,890	1,858 1,886	1,859 1,881	1,861 1,880	1,864 1,878	1,871	1,885	1,893
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (f) '000 persons	12.7	23.9	27.3	20.7	23.0	1960 1961	23.8 19.3	20.0 20.9	18.0 25.6	17.7 35.0	16.8 42.7	16.5 54.3	14.9 61.5	13.3 62.1	11.8 59.6	10.4 48.5	10.7	17.6

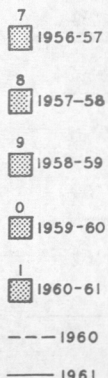
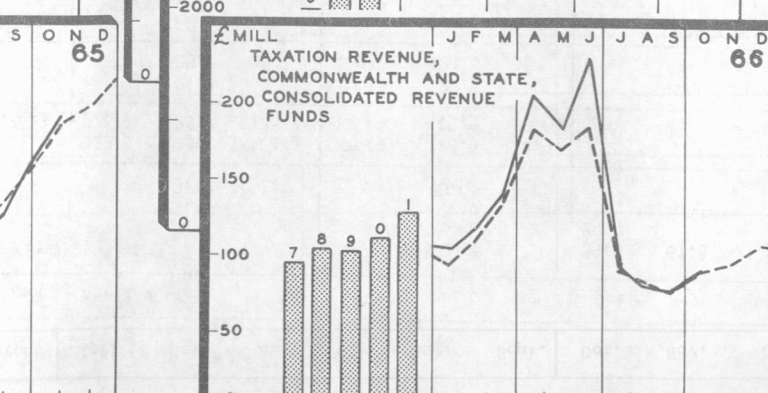
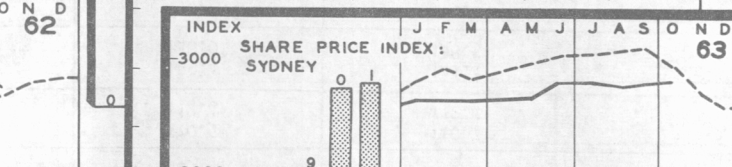
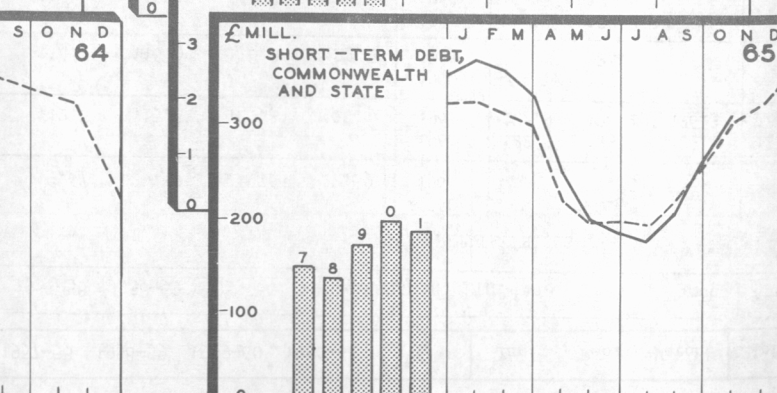
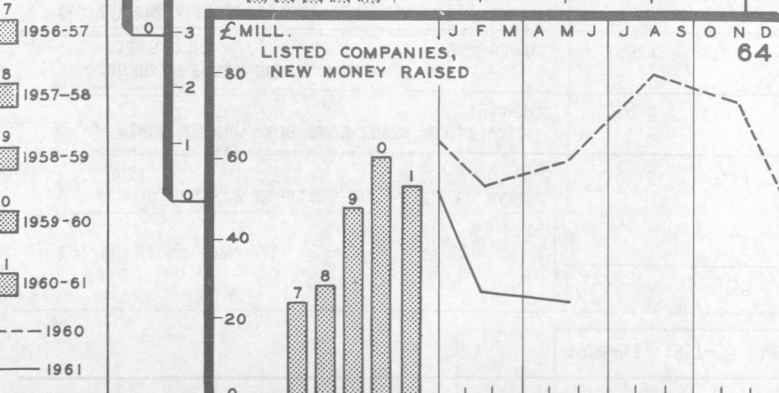
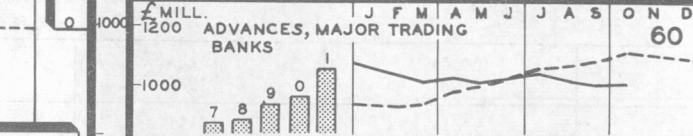
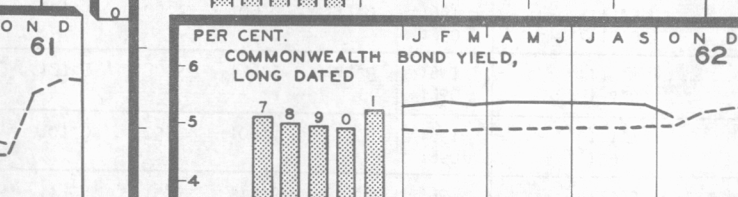
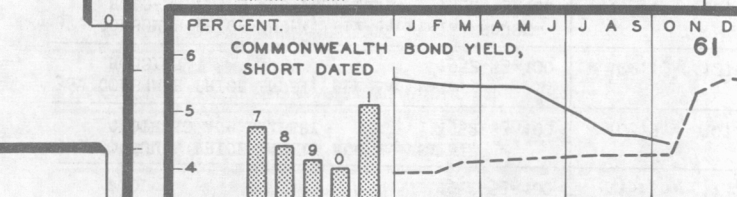
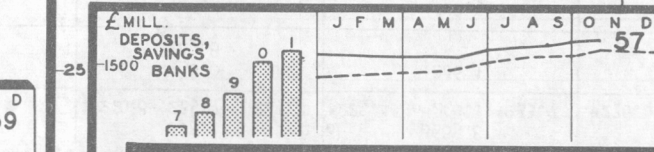
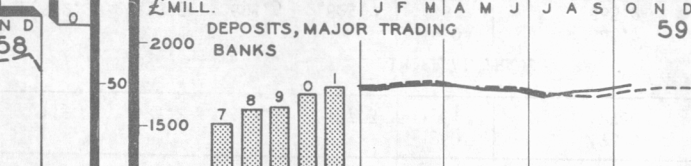
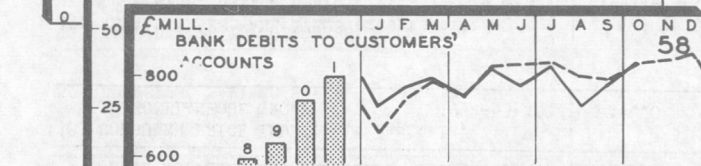
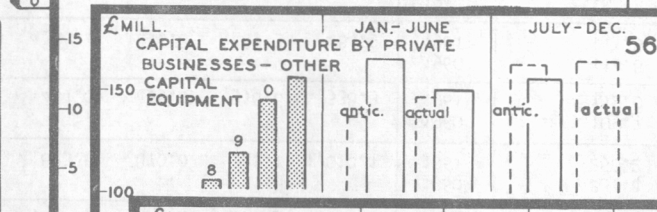
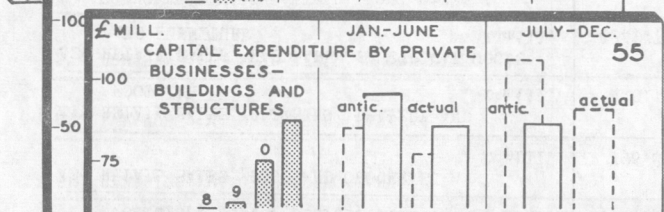
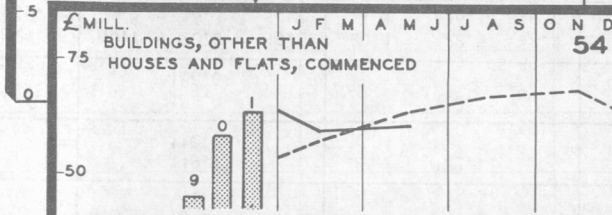
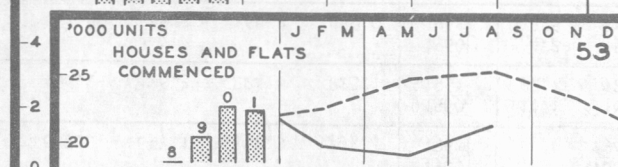
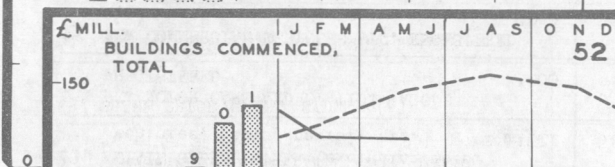
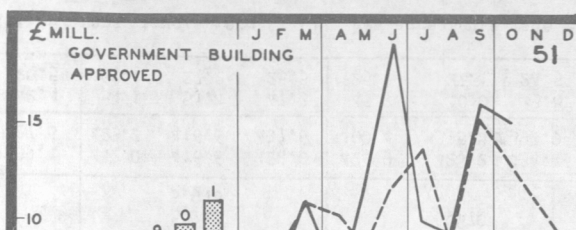
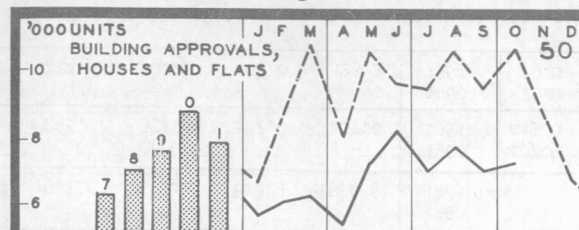
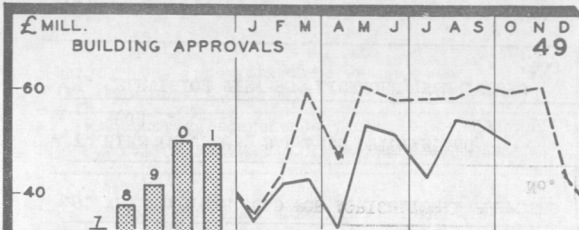
(a) Year ended June, 1956 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100. (c) Gold and balances held abroad by Reserve Bank were £492 million at 27th September, 1961, £491 million at 25th October, 1961, and £491 million at 15th November, 1961. (d) Excludes rural wage earners and female private domestics. (e) Comparable statistics not available. (f) Last Saturday of month.  
\* Preliminary.





	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	£	19.16	19.67	20.19	21.76	22.89	1960 1961	20.94 21.83			22.66 23.17		22.68 23.05				23.87	
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX ADULT MALES (a) 1954=100		110.8	112.8	115.3	121.3	125.7	1960 1961	122.5 125.9	123.2 126.2	123.5 126.3	123.6 126.3	124.2 126.7	124.3 126.7	124.5 129.1	124.9 129.5	124.9 129.5	125.1	125.7 125.7
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53=100		113.1	114.2	116.0	118.9	123.8	1960 1961		119.0 124.2			121.1 125.0		122.5 124.8			123.3	
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53=100		115.3	113.3	115.4	119.8	127.7	1960 1961		120.3 128.6			122.6 129.4		126.0 128.1			126.7	
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53=100		103.9	107.0	108.2	109.4	111.6	1960 1961		109.5 111.7			110.5 112.4		110.7 112.4			111.5	
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53=100		122.1	127.3	130.6	135.2	144.8	1960 1961		134.8 145.7			139.4 148.0		141.4 148.5			144.1	
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53=100		105.8	107.5	108.7	109.8	111.2	1960 1961		110.0 111.3			110.2 111.9		110.6 112.6			111.0	
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53=100		118.0	119.7	121.2	123.9	127.3	1960 1961		123.8 127.5			126.4 127.7		126.7 127.9			127.2	
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.	£ mill.	2,247.8	2,342.2	2,453.5	2,691.5	2,826.7	1960 1961		645.7 668.2			683.1 239.7	227.0	*225.4	668.5 *228.1	*233.7	*236.4	785.2
40. RETAIL SALES, FOOD AND GROCERIES	£ mill.	796.8	823.6	870.0	941.1	1,010.1	1960 1961		234.4 250.2			238.0 249.8			246.1		264.0	
41. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY AND FOOTWEAR	£ mill.	440.1	451.0	469.6	516.8	538.3	1960 1961		109.7 112.0			140.4 141.0			128.5		156.8	
42. RETAIL SALES, HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FURNITURE	£ mill.	349.7	380.4	416.8	481.3	484.9	1960 1961		114.8 111.8			119.7 110.7			123.1		139.3	
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	£ mill.	661.2	687.2	697.1	752.3	793.4	1960 1961		186.8 194.2			185.0 186.0			188.1		225.1	
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	147.3	166.2	176.3	224.1	223.1	1960 1961	14.1 12.7	18.2 12.9	21.0 19.0	18.1 14.8	20.2 16.3	19.9 14.2	20.4 13.6	22.5 16.1	22.4 15.7	24.2 17.8	26.1 17.6
45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ETC. REGISTERED (c)	'000	58.0	61.8	66.3	68.9	59.0	1960 1961	4.2 3.6	5.0 4.1	6.0 4.7	4.9 4.1	5.9 4.7	5.7 4.2	5.6 3.8	6.2 3.9	5.8 3.8	5.5 4.4	5.8 4.7
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	16,982	15,726	16,342	18,423	15,426	1960 1961		5,111 3,466			5,218 3,916			3,870		4,467	
47. HIRE PURCHASE, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (d)	£ mill.	236.5	296.7	354.8	422.0	407.6	1960 1961	402.9 449.0	404.1 437.5	409.1 427.6	412.0 423.2	416.6 416.6	422.0 407.6	424.9 *400.4	428.2 *395.8	434.1 *391.9	439.0 *390.0	448.2 450.4
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES	'000	73.9	224.1	300.0	403.8	323.2	1960 1961	26.0 20.0	30.5 18.4	42.4 20.5	34.1 20.1	51.4 27.2	47.3 25.5	45.7 25.9	40.0 27.4	33.8 24.5	27.3 27.4	22.7 22.0

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Monthly series from April, 1961. (c) Commercial vehicles include utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) New agreements made - amount financed, August, 1961, £16.9 million, September, 1961, £16.5 million. \* Preliminary. ρ Revised.





	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BUILDING, ETC.																		
49. BUILDING APPROVALS	£ mill.	394.1	445.7	495.8	603.7	602.0	1960 1961	36.3 34.6	43.5 41.3	59.9 43.6	47.4 33.2	60.6 53.1	58.7 51.9	58.9 43.7	59.1 54.4	61.3 53.2	59.5 49.7	61.3 44.2
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	75.7	84.3	90.0	103.8	93.8	1960 1961	6.6 5.6	8.4 6.0	10.8 6.3	8.0 5.4	10.4 7.2	9.6 8.1	9.4 7.0	10.4 7.7	9.4 7.0	10.6 7.2	8.7 6.7
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	£ mill.	83.3	95.6	103.9	115.8	131.6	1960 1961	5.0 5.7	8.5 7.3	10.8 10.9	10.1 6.4	8.3 11.8	11.7 19.4	13.6 9.9	8.6 9.2	15.2 16.1	13.0 15.1	11.0 8.7
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	£ mill.	359.6	380.5	432.4	523.9	552.0	1960 1961		129.6 125.2			145.0 124.3		153.2			149.3	
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	69.5	73.3	81.7	91.3	88.9	1960 1961		22.6 20.1			24.9 19.2		25.7 *21.6			23.9	
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	£ mill.	150.2	151.4	177.6	231.3	252.8	1960 1961		56.5 57.9			63.3 59.9		67.0			68.0	
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures	£ mill.	(a)	119.6	123.0	152.1	176.9	1960 1961		(85.0 anticipated) (95.4 anticipated)			77.2 actual 86.2 actual		(106.5 anticipated) p( 87.6 anticipated)			90.7 actual	
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment	£ mill.	(a)	214.2	242.3	294.4	316.0	1960 1961		(138.1 anticipated) (166.5 anticipated)			150.1 actual 150.8 actual		(163.2 anticipated) p(156.7 anticipated)			165.2 actual	
FINANCE																		
57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	£ mill.	1,227	1,297	1,391	1,523	1,578	1960 1961	1463.2 1563.7	1473.8 1560.8	1477.3 1551.5	1480.4 1549.3	1489.7 1547.8	1522.7 1577.5	1536.5 1594.6	1550.9 1609.3	1563.1 *1625.1	1580.8 *1635.4	1577.3 1567.0
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b)	£ mill.	563	593	637	747	804	1960 1961	659 721	739 769	784 796	754 757	820 815	821 782	835 820	805 730	797 789	832 833	846 857
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	1,513	1,596	1,603	1,708	1,729	1960 1961	1,735 1,730	1,766 1,760	1,784 1,771	1,760 1,758	1,729 1,722	1,731 1,715	1,706 1,701	1,702 1,711	1,696 1,728	1,719 1,766	1,731 1,728
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	869	882	930	952	1,050	1960 1961	934 1,059	930 1,030	935 1,012	973 1,017	1,000 1,010	1,015 1,020	1,060 1,035	1,066 1,015	1,078 1,001	1,092 1,007	1,090 1,080
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent.		4.71	4.38	4.16	4.01	5.06	1960 1961	3.96 5.50	3.97 5.49	4.14 5.46	4.16 5.46	4.18 5.43	4.19 5.23	4.26 4.93	4.29 4.60	4.30 4.59	4.31 4.46	5.35 5.60
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED per cent.		5.06	4.99	4.94	4.91	5.21	1960 1961	4.91 5.34	4.92 5.38	4.93 5.35	4.93 5.36	4.93 5.36	4.94 5.36	4.97 5.34	4.96 5.35	4.97 5.33	4.97 5.13	5.19 5.30
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		1,707	1,836	1,966	2,718	2,787	1960 1961	2,813 2,615	2,887 2,656	2,825 2,631	2,878 2,665	2,964 2,682	3,029 2,794	3,029 2,799	3,056 2,782	3,086 2,809	2,951 2,829	2,697 2,582
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	£ mill.	94.7	113.5	188.2	p242.4	p213.8	1960 1961		53.3 p28.8			p59.5 p26.3		p82.1			p76.6	
65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE (a)	£ mill.	150	140	171	201	186	1960 1961	326 367	311 364	301 330	221 249	196 200	201 186	195 p81	222 p208	254 p263	304 310	324 350
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, Consolidated Revenue Funds	£ mill.	1,180	1,250	1,225	1,360	1,543	1960 1961	92.5 104.5	110.8 119.3	133.4 138.1	185.4 203.9	170.7 187.2	185.8 236.3	p91.1 p93.8	86.0 p81.7	77.8 p78.8	91.0 *90.7	97.7 110.0

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches.  
period. \* Preliminary. p Revised.

(c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Item		For further details see publications listed below Reference No.	Item		For further details see publications listed below Reference No.
1.	.. .. .	19	33-38.	Consumer Price Index : New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin, 891.	5
2.	Total generated, including electricity not for sale .. .. .	19	39-43.	Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	8
3.	Total produced in gas works .. .. .	19	44-45.	Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services.	26, 27
4.	Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May. .. .. .	19	46.	Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.	7
5.	Portland cement. .. .. .	19, 25	47.	Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges and insurance.	28
6.	Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such. .. .. .	19, 21	48.	.. .. .	16
7.	Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. .. .. .	19, 20	49-50.	Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.	11
8.	Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. .. .. .	19, 22	51.	Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.	11
9.	Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. .. .. .	19, 23	52.	Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. .. .. .	3
10.	Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots. .. .. .	19, 24	53.	Excludes conversions to flats. .. .. .	3, 4
11.	In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. .. .. .	15	54.	See 52 above. .. .. .	3
12.	.. .. .	12	55-56.	Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2
13.	Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. .. .. .	-	57.	Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. .. .. .	29, 30
14.	The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. .. .. .	-	58.	Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank. .. .. .	9
15.	Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of grease wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. .. .. .	17	59-60.	Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	9, 10
16-17.	Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment. .. .. .	18	61-62.	Theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 2/- in the pound. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank. .. .. .	16
18.	The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56. .. .. .	1	63.	Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. .. .. .	16, 17
19-20.	.. .. .	14	64.	Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issue of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	6
21.	Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. .. .. .	-	65.	Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. All figures at end of period.	16
22,24-26.	Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. .. .. .	13	66.	Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Fund, e.g. motor taxes.	-
23.	Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. .. .. .	13			
27.	Figures for periods to June, 1960 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns and returns of Government employment. .. .. .	13			
28.	Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. .. .. .	13			
29.	See 22 above. .. .. .	13			
30.	Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. .. .. .	13			
31.	Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. .. .. .	13			
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